

- **Everson Creek (8,608 acres)**
The area would be withdrawn from locatable mineral entry and new land use authorizations would be evaluated to mitigate surface and visual intrusions in the area.
- **Ferruginous Hawk Nesting Area (114,300 acres)**
Evaluate land use authorizations and restrict uses between March 1 and September 1 where necessary to protect nesting. Livestock use would continue based on existing permit stipulations and approved allotment management plans. Any proposed changes in grazing, including time and intensity of use, would be evaluated for impacts on ferruginous hawk nesting and would be permitted if the values would be maintained or enhanced. Any vegetation treatments in the area would be conducted in a manner that would maintain the mammal prey base.
- **Lewis & Clark Trail (8,136 acres; 16 miles)**
Stipulations would be applied to new proposed uses or development on public land along the trail to protect the visual integrity of the viewshed to the extent possible, especially along the Horse Prairie segment.
- **Muddy Creek/Big Sheep Creek (22,829 acres)**
Management would be applied to prevent impacts to scenic qualities and to cultural resources and deposits.
- **Virginia City Historic District (340 acres)**
Same as Alternative B
- **Westslope Cutthroat Trout Habitats (2,157 acres; 84 miles)**
Implement management or habitat improvements to increase woody debris and protect spawning areas. Explore opportunities for water leasing in coordination with FWP. Apply special provisions under a plan of operations to address concerns with locatable mineral entry.

Table 11 identifies whether or not a potential ACEC is designated within the alternative.

<i>Potential ACEC</i>	<i>Alt A</i>	<i>Alt B</i>	<i>Alt C</i>	<i>Alt D</i>
Beaverhead Rock	NO	YES	NO	YES
Big Sheep Creek Basin	NO	NO	NO	YES
Block Mountain	NO	YES	YES	YES
Blue Lake	NO	YES	NO	YES
Centennial Mountains	NO	YES	NO	YES
Centennial Sandhills	NO	YES	YES	YES
Centennial Valley Wetlands	NO	NO	NO	YES
Everson Creek	NO	YES	NO	YES
Ferruginous Hawk Nesting Area	NO	NO	NO	YES
Lewis and Clark Trail	NO	NO	NO	YES
Muddy Creek/Big Sheep Creek	NO	YES (portion)	NO	YES (all)
Virginia City Historic District	NO	YES	NO	YES
Westslope Cutthroat Trout Habitats	NO	NO	NO	YES

BACK COUNTRY BYWAYS

Goal – Highlight and interpret scenic, historic, archaeological or other interest values associated with Back Country Byways in partnership with communities, interest groups, and state and federal agencies.

Management Common to All Alternatives except C

Designation of the Big Sheep Creek National Back Country Byway (approximately 50 miles) would continue under Alternatives A, B, and D. **Map 74** shows existing special designations in the planning area, including the Big Sheep Creek National Back Country Byway. The plan developed for the Byway would be implemented, with additional emphasis placed on coordinating with local residents in that area to develop information and interpretive materials for visitors to the byway that highlight multiple uses of public lands and land stewardship in the area.